



City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

AUGUST 21, 2020

Class of 2020 650 Junior Lifeguards Celebrate Socially Distant Graduation



Mayor Semeta (far right) presents certificates to the HB Junior Guards who successfully completed the program.

Last week, the City held a drive-thru graduation ceremony for approximately 650 junior guards who completed this year's modified program! The Fire Department created a model to regularly test instructors for COVID-19, and instituted strict social distancing measures with smaller group sizes and other safety measures to protect the well-being of all participants. Throughout the six weeks of the program, no participants tested positive for COVID-19.

A local school district has even reached out to the Fire Department for guidance in this area, due to the program's success. Great job to all of our instructors and the Fire Department team, and congratulations to our Class of 2020 Junior Guards!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Marine Safety Division is excited to announce the conclusion of a successful and safe 2020 Huntington Beach City Junior Lifeguard program. We wouldn't have been able to host the program without the outpouring of support from our Junior Lifeguard families and instructors, and we are extremely fortunate to have this strong, caring, and engaged community behind this program

Junior Lifeguards teaches our youth lifesaving skills, confidence in the water, teamwork, and perseverance. This experience and the values we impart extend beyond the program. Many of our graduates have been able to make tangible contributions to our community. There have been multiple instances in which Huntington Beach residents have found themselves suffering from a medical emergency and have been helped by a Junior Lifeguard using the lifesaving skills they learned in the



program.



Over the years we have made it a tradition of prioritizing the safety of both our students and instructors. This year we exceeded both State and Local guidance to protect our youth and their families against COVID-19. We implemented many safety modifications, such as regular COVID-19 testing, social distancing, and small groups of students to limit exposure. We also assigned an EMS Captain whose sole purpose was to monitor any changes to State and Federal COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations, quickly implement those changes, train the instructors, and monitor the program to ensure all the protocols and guidelines were being followed.

We want to thank our Junior Lifeguard community who adopted safety protocols as a top priority and, without hesitation, helped to make this year's Junior Lifeguard program safe and successful. We can't wait to see all the happy smiling faces again next summer.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Heat Related Deaths
ARE Preventable
LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°

Inside Temperature	Time Elapsed
99°	10 Minutes
109°	20 Minutes
114°	30 Minutes
123°	60 Minutes

weather.gov/heat nhtsa.gov

The infographic features a yellow car with a woman, a dog, and a child inside, set against a background of orange and red wavy lines representing heat. On the right, a dark orange box contains a table showing how quickly interior temperatures rise from 80°F outside. Each temperature is accompanied by a stopwatch icon. At the bottom left, there are logos for NORA and two government websites.

Never leave children, disabled or elderly adults or pets in parked vehicles. Studies have shown that the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rapidly rise to a dangerous level for children, pets and even adults. Leaving the windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate. The effects can be more severe on children because their bodies have not developed the ability to efficiently regulate its internal temperature.

California ISO

FLEX ALERT

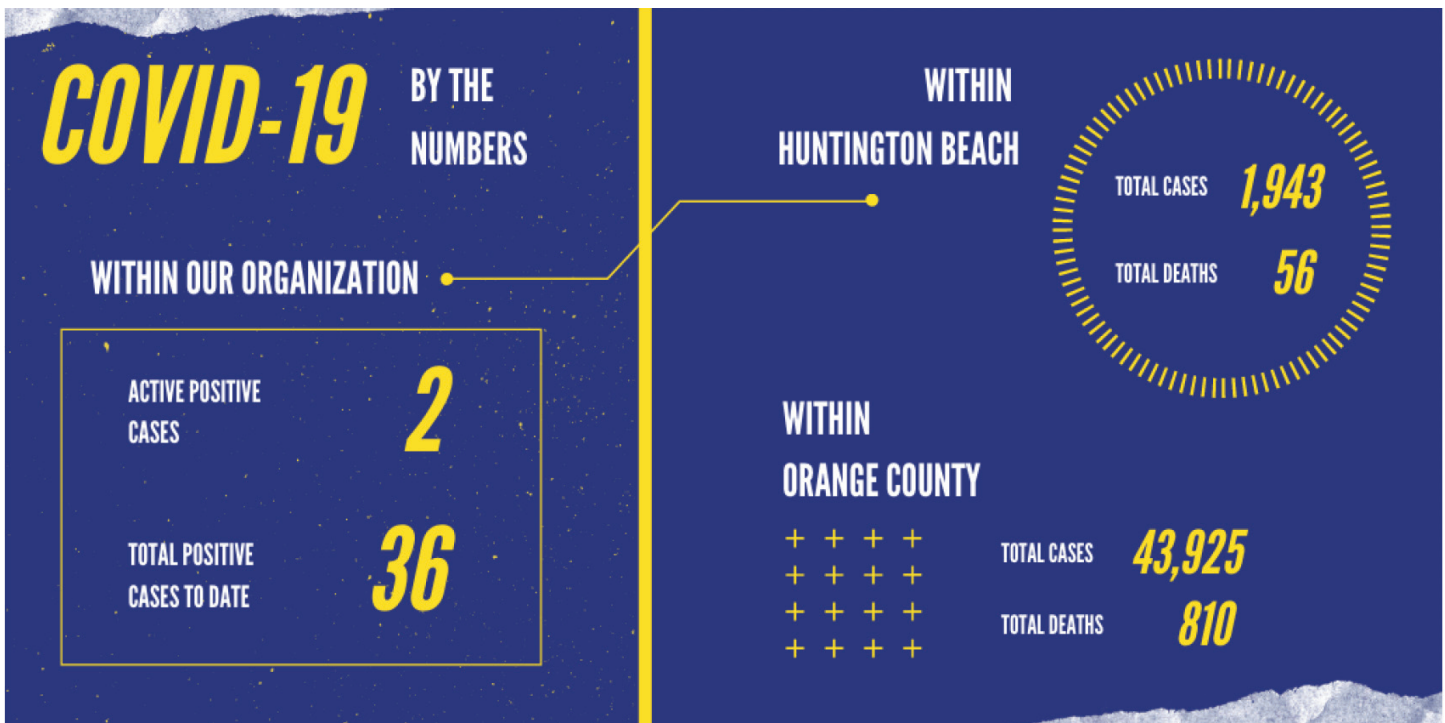
FLEXALERT.ORG

The logo is set against a solid orange background. It features the California ISO logo at the top, followed by a large stylized 'F' icon and the words 'FLEX ALERT' in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the 'F' icon is the website 'FLEXALERT.ORG'.

Summer heat is here and rolling blackouts may impact HB. Please save energy and lower your energy consumption. Do not call 911 unless you have a life threatening emergency.

Ways to Save Energy: <http://ow.ly/PjEU50B07AI>

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**DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD
AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY**



3 Easy Ways

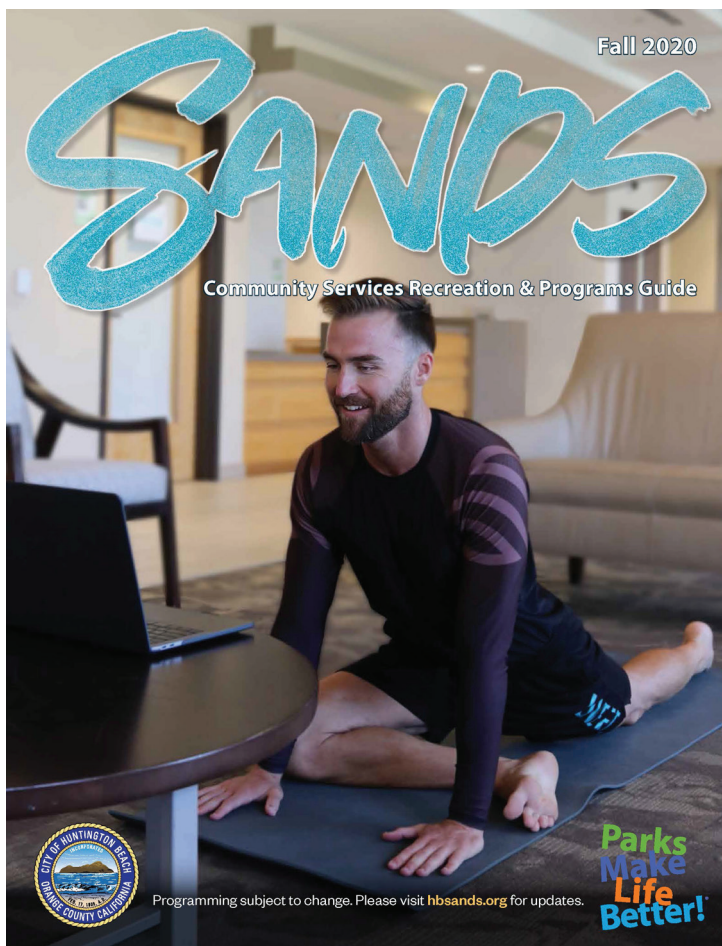
Wear a Face Covering

Wash Your Hands Often

Stay 6 Feet Apart

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Fall SANDS to Arrive this Week

The fall issue of the SANDS hits mailboxes this week! Amidst the ever-changing nature of COVID-19, the Community Services Department has adopted new strategies to accept registrations given the changing landscape of recreational programming.

To ensure classes can be offered based on state and county guidance, the registration window for fall is as follows:

- Registration for all in-person activities opens six days before the class begins at 7:30am.
- Registration for all online activities opens Tuesday, August 25 at 7:30am.
- Registration for all events opens 30 days before the date of the event.
- The fall SANDS is available online now. Registration will be accepted online at hbsands.org, or by mail-in/drop-box to City Hall.

For more questions, please call the Community Services Department at 714-536-5486.

Fall Classes at HBAC

Although you may not be able to tell by the weather, autumn is right around the corner! HBAC is proud to present a full schedule of arts and enrichment classes for the whole family this fall. Offerings include: "Photography for Kids", "Teen Yoga", "Watercolor Painting" and MORE! For the complete list of classes please visit: www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org



Registration for all online classes will take place on Tuesday, August 25. Due to the constantly evolving nature of COVID-19, all in-person classes will be evaluated to ensure proper health and safety precautions are taken, and all government mandates can be followed. To accommodate any last minute changes, registration for each in-person class will begin six days before the start of that class. For example, registration will open on September 2 for in-person classes beginning on September 8. All classes are subject to change and may be cancelled at any time. Please refer to our website for updates. Enroll online at www.hbsands.org!

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Rec Swim

AT CITY GYM

**Monday
Friday**

9:30a-10:20a

10:30a-11:20a

11:30a-12:20p

2p-2:50p

3p-3:50p

4p-4:50p

**Tuesday
+
Thursday**

5p-5:50p

6p-6:50p

7p-7:50p

\$15 FLAT RATE (UP TO 5 PEOPLE)

SIGN UP ONLINE AT [HBSANDS.ORG](https://hbsands.org)

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

8/17 - 8/21: 300000

8/24 - 8/28: 300001

8/31 - 9/4: 300002

**PLEASE CALL CITY GYM AND POOL AT
714.960.8884 FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Work on the I-405 improvement project continues at a fast pace. Over this past weekend, a new milestone was achieved with the demolition of the pedestrian bridge at the east end of Heil Avenue that connected Westminster and Huntington Beach on both sides of the freeway. Reconstruction will begin in earnest with the replacement bridge expected to be completed in about 12 months. The complete demolition was accomplished in one overnight freeway closure Saturday night, August 15 and Sunday morning, August 16.

The northbound Beach Boulevard on-ramp to northbound I-405 was reopened August 14 and, simultaneously, the southbound I-405 loop ramp to northbound Beach Boulevard was permanently removed (it will not be replaced in the new interchange design).

Over the next month, final work will be taking place on McFadden Avenue to complete the new bridge over the freeway. This will be the first bridge completed in Huntington Beach with the project. The bridge is tentatively scheduled to reopen September 25.

About one week after the reopening of McFadden, the I-405 construction team will close Edinger Avenue between Beach Boulevard and Newland to facilitate complete removal and replacement of the bridge. This bridge should also take about 12 months to complete. McFadden and Warner, along with Newland, will be the main detour routes around this closure. scheduled to reopen in October.

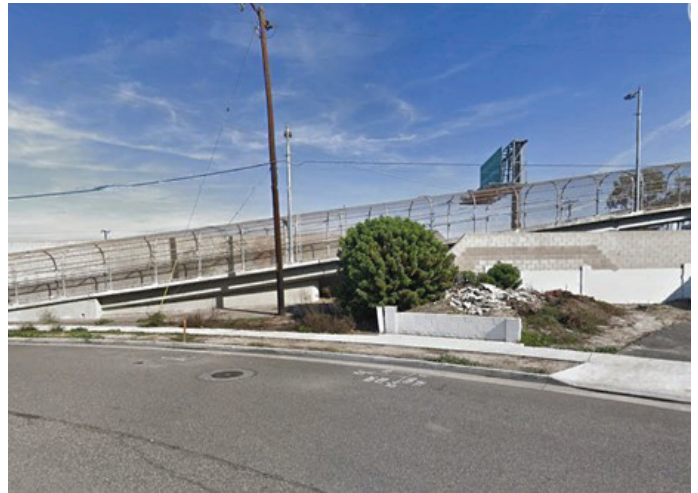
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Work continues on the second half of the Goldenwest bridge, with the northbound Goldenwest to northbound I-405 loop ramp scheduled to reopen in October.

More information and updates on the entire project are available at the following:

Facebook: facebook.com/405Improvement; Twitter: @405Improvement; Instagram: @405_Improvement

Or, you can e-mail the OCTA project team directly at: 405project@octa.net



Before



After

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LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



New! HOLDS PICKUP HOURS New!



Need a book or other library items during our closure?

Use our Holds Pickup Service.

We have new hours to make picking up items from the library easier for you!

New Hours starting 8/10/2020

Monday - Thursday

9:00-1:00 and 2:00-6:00

The Library will be closed between 1:00-2:00 for cleaning and staff safety measures.

Friday and Saturday

9:00-1:00

Central Library Only!

Holds pick up times for the Central Library's popular Curbside Service have been extended to include both Saturdays and evening hours. This new service began earlier this year to meet the community members' requests for reading material during the quarantine. To place holds on library materials, go to www.hbpl.org or call 714-842-4481 to speak to a librarian. Once the items are ready, patrons will be contacted and provided with the information needed to pick up their books outside the front of the Central Library.

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Need some extra help choosing new books to read? Great news -- the library has something just for that purpose -- the new "Shelf Help" service! Whether it's "more of the same," something entirely different, or anything in between, the library can help. Patrons can fill out a handy online form indicating their interests, and then librarians will pick out personalized selections based on the information provided. All that's needed is an HBPL library card. [Click here to get started today](#) -- and then pick up the books during sidewalk service at the Central Library.



Literacy volunteers at the library continue to help adults in the community prepare to take the Naturalization Exam to become U.S. citizens. Classes, which are open to the public, will be held online via Zoom, with morning and evening classes available. The next class session will begin on Tuesday, August 25 and conclude on October 27. Classes are from 10 am to 11:30 am, and all materials will be provided. Register online at hbpl.org/Calendar of Events/Adult Events. For questions, call the Literacy Office at the Central Library, 714.375.5102, or email diane.moseley@surfcity-hb.org.

The Friends of the Huntington Beach Library presents "A Visit with Georgie Blalock" on Thursday, September 10, at 4pm. Join fellow history buffs from the comfort of home via Zoom for a discussion of "The Other Windsor Girl, A Novel of Love, Royalty, Whiskey, & Cigarettes." This historical debut is the latest release by history lover and movie buff Georgie Blalock. Evoking the style of *The Crown*, the daughter of an impoverished noble is swept into the fame and notoriety of both the royal family and Princess Margaret's fast-living friends when she is appointed as Margaret's second Lady-in-Waiting. Hear from the author AND ask questions to gain insight into her current work and future writing plans, as well as her writing process and personal life. To register for this free event, go to www.fothb.com.



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Just because the storytellers in the Children's Library are busy getting ready for fall programs, that doesn't mean the learning has to end! Preschool-age kiddos are welcome to revisit their favorite virtual storytimes on the HBPL Storytime YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/HBPLkids> to talk, sing, read, write, and play their way towards learning how to read. Remember: repetition is RAD! The storytime channel has over 100 videos, all geared towards encouraging little ones to read, investigate, and discover the world around them.



The Children's Library is busy at work putting together a fantastic lineup of fall programs for kids ages birth to 12. The fall programming season will run from September 1 to November 30 and will include virtual storytimes, virtual craft and DIY demonstrations, and take-home activity kits for preschoolers and elementary-age children. To receive the latest updates on library services and programs, follow the library on social media or sign up to receive digital library newsletters at <https://bit.ly/HBPLnewsletters>.



Children of all ages are invited to take part in the August Reading & Activity Challenge. Earn points by reading, listening to stories and doing special activities. For every five points earned (up to 100 points) kids will receive a virtual raffle ticket which can be used to enter the drawing of their choice! After reaching 100 points kids will earn a virtual raffle ticket for every 10 points earned. Children can earn up to 300 points!

The tickets they earn can all be used towards winning one prize, or split up to enter multiple drawings. The choice is theirs! Drawings will be held September 1. Register online at <https://hbpl.beanstack.com>.

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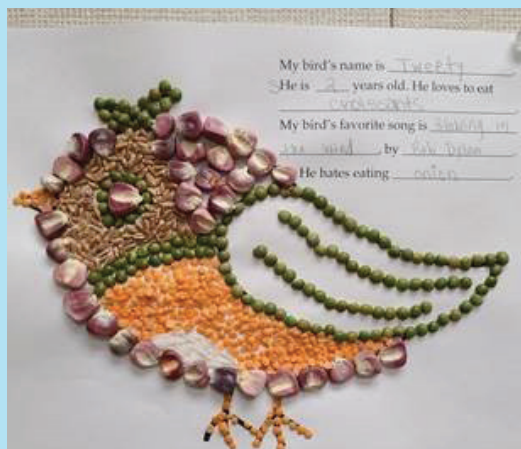
Successful Summer Programs at Oak View Library

The Oak View Branch Library has just completed a successful summer program using online technology! As she has for several summers, Marina Iturbide, the Oak View Branch Homework Club Coordinator, helped local community children avoid the "summer slide" by continuing to offer the Reading Partners and Math Club programs during the summer. This year, despite the fact that the public library system is closed due to COVID-19, the undaunted Marina decided to offer these two popular programs to the students online, through Zoom technology! Both programs met for six weeks every Tuesday and Thursday, from July 7 through August 13, 2020.

Twenty-six children who had just completed 1st through 4th grade signed up for the Math Club; while 41 kindergarten through 5th graders participated in the Summer Reading Partners program. In addition, dedicated local volunteers assisted children with their reading skills, shared great books during Zoom meetings, and Marina used "Hoopla," one of the public library's digital resources, to show animated videos of popular children's books online.

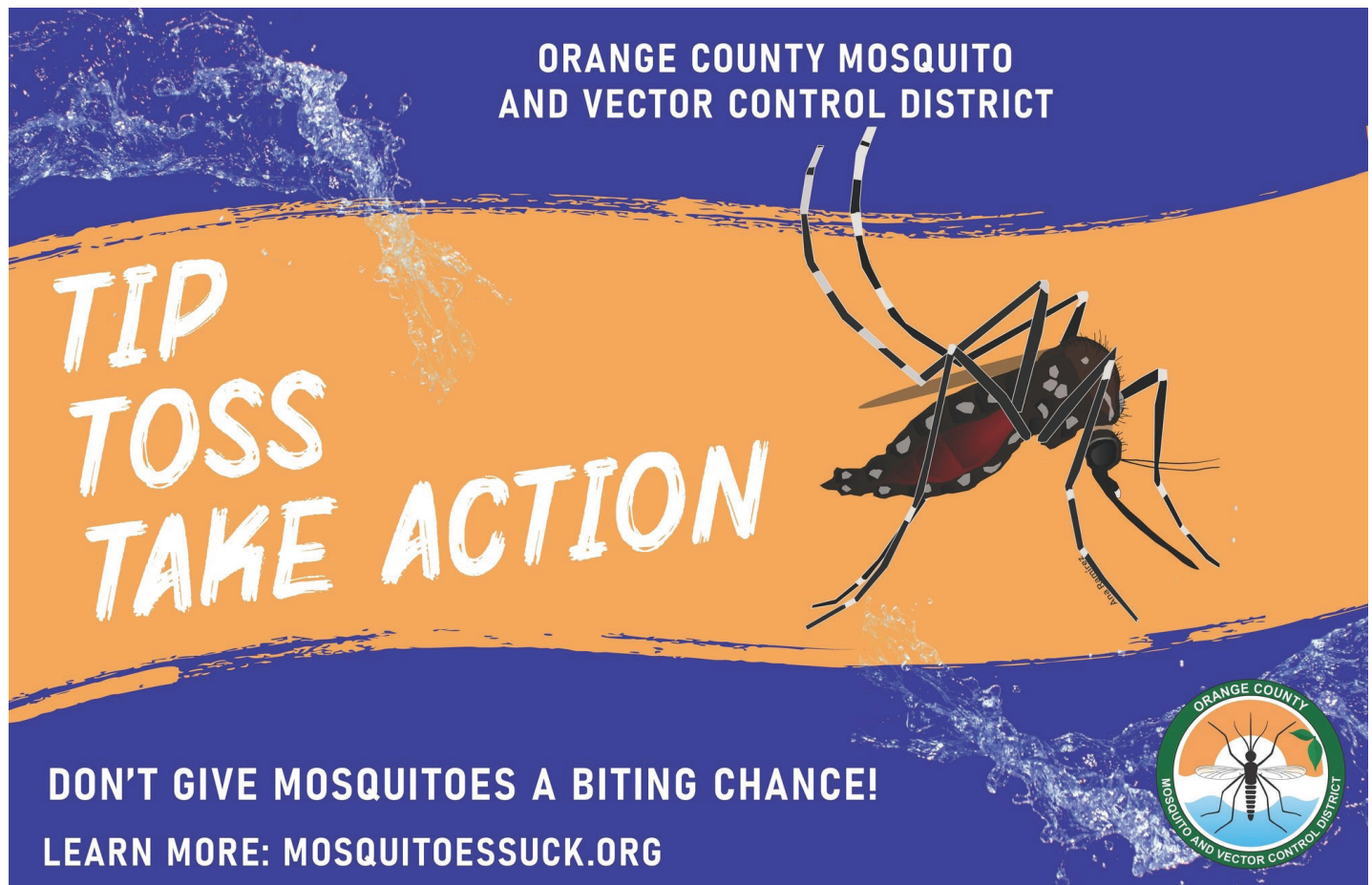
The children also practiced their math and reading skills by taking part in various activities centered on this year's Summer Reading Program -- "Dig Deeper". They cooked a cookie in a mug, created a picture using seeds, grew wheat grass, and did many other crafts at home.

All of this was possible by simply following the directions given by the program coordinator during the twice-a-week online Zoom meetings! Despite various technology challenges, children, parents and volunteers were very satisfied with the success of these two programs, and they all look forward to participating in other programs through Zoom in the near future.



Samples of Summer projects by students participating in the Oak View program.

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The Orange County Health Care Agency has reported the first human West Nile virus infection of 2020 in Orange County. To date, there have been 10 human infections statewide, and the virus has also been detected in Huntington Beach. Prevent the spread of WNV and #TipTossTakeAction!

TIP: Eliminate breeding sources around your property

TOSS: Throw away any unused containers to prevent eggs from hatching

TAKE ACTION: Use these tips and also apply insect repellent to prevent bites.

As you head outdoors this summer, remember to keep mosquitoes and ticks at bay with an insect repellent. There are 4 insect repellent ingredients recommended by the CDC (based on the individual's age):

- DEET
- Picaridin
- Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus
- IR3535

No matter the brand of repellent, look for these active ingredients and apply the repellent as recommended on the label. Check the label to make sure it can be safely used on your child, based on his or her age.

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Help our Local Businesses while Looking Great!

Did you know you can buy awesome OneHB merchandise at [Shop.OneHB.org](https://shop.onehb.org) and it will make a direct positive impact on our local businesses? OneHB is a community campaign that is providing \$5,000 micro-grants to help certain small businesses keep their doors open during and after COVID-19. The micro-grants may be used for payroll, rent/lease payments, utilities, inventory and other approved operational expenses. Buy some awesome gear and support our local businesses today!

Learn more about micro-grants for your small business or donate to support: [OneHB.org](https://onehb.org)



Buy merchandise to help businesses here: [Shop.OneHB.org](https://shop.onehb.org)






How to Identify a Census Taker

- TIME OF THE DAY**
Census taker visits between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. local time
- ID BADGE**
Official Census Bureau identification is worn
- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION**
An "Official Business" is placed on the vehicle
- MASK**
Census taker wears mask and maintains 6 feet social distancing
- SMART DEVICE**
Census taker carries an iPhone/smart device to gather information

 Online  By Phone

Complete your 2020 Census
online or by phone
2020census.gov
Toll Free # (844) 330-2020
2020CENSUS.GOV

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your future
START HERE >



Huntington Beach 2020 Census Update Be Counted by September 30

Huntington Beach is currently 73.3 percent counted!

Starting now, thousands of door-to-door Census takers began their work in Orange County, and more Census takers are being added. Please see the below helpful descriptions of US Census Bureau census takers and share it with your community to address doubts folks may have about identifying them.

People can still respond to the 2020 Census online at www.my2020census.gov, or call (844) 330-2020 through September 30.

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youtube.com/cityofhb

City Hall Directory

Helpline	(714) 536-5511
City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Community Development	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



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